India International has not yet been acceded to; a decision in their case will be taken later on merits. In the meanwhile, they have however been permitted to import three aircraft of 30 plus seat capacity.

(d) Permission to operate scheduled Air Transport Services will entitle the operators to the following facilities:—

(i) They can publish their schedules. (ii) They can become members of I.A.T.A. (iii) on particular time slot a flight of scheduled operator will get preference for take off/landing over any other light. (iv) They will operate as per schedules approved by Director General of Civil Aviation.

**Setting up of Express Air terminal by IAAI**

1341. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Express Air terminal for the exclusive use of Air Express Industry had been formally inaugurated by the IAAI recently;

(b) if so, the facilities expected to be provided in all airports, of important cities, what is the estimated cost of each of the project;

(c) whether Government propose to meet the part of expenditure of the IAAI; and

(d) whether there is any plan with the IAAI to set up such terminals in all airports metropolitian cities if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The International imports Authority of India (IAAI) has recently inaugurated interim domestic Express Courier terminals at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi and Bombay airport.

(b) The provision of similar facility at other international airports will be taken up as and when the courier traffic warrants. As the projects have not so far been found necessary, the estimated cost has not been worked out.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Presently, the IAAI has no plans for setting up of Express Air terminal at other international airports namely Calcutta, Madras and Trivandrum.

**Private Air Taxi Opeflators**

1342. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) the names of Private Air Taxi Operators that have become Schedule Airlines;

(b) whether the Schedule Airlines will have to operate on the designated route and will have to take prior approval of the Director-General of Civil Aviation;

(c) whether the Domestic Schedule Airlines will be eligible to become Members of IATA;

(d) whether foreign companies are allowed to participate in the equity of the Domestic Schedule Airlines; and

(e) whether the Schedule Airlines can operate on international routes also?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHR GHULAM NAPI AZAD): (a) Following six Air Taxi Operators have been permitted to operate scheduled Air Transport Services in the country:—

1. M/s East West Travel and Trade Links Ltd.

2. M/s Jet Airways (Pvt) Ltd. (Subject to foreign investment approval by Government.)